

A printing section has a platen and a printhead which are oppositely located on both sides of a guide path for guiding the paper. A cutter section has a stationary blade and a movable blade located oppositely to either one of the platen and the printhead on both sides of the guide path. At the cutter section, the paper printed at the printing section is cut by engagement between the stationary blade and the movable blade. Either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade is held on a first unit located on one side of the guide path. On the other hand, either the other of the platen and the printhead and either the other of the stationary blade and the movable blade are held on a second unit which is located on the other side of the guide path. That is, the printing section and the cutter section are constructed by thus connecting the first unit to the second unit assembled as described above. Since the second unit is removably connected to the first unit, such components as the printing section and the cutter section can readily be replaced by detaching the second unit from the first unit.